

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2007  
MEADOWEDGE, WEST SAYVILLE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Vice Chairman, Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Ray Corwin	Member at Large
Gregory Dawson	Trustee, Town of Islip
John Fritz	Chairman, Trustee, Town of Babylon
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Gary Olsen	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Terrence Pearsall	Member of the Board
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT**

Todd Stebbins	Member of the Board
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**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

John W. Pavacic	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
William B. Sickles	Sr. Superintendent of Parks
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Terry Maccarone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Janet Longo	Deputy Director, Real Property Acquisitions and Management
Roger Podd	County Attorney's Office

Chairman Fritz called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Arlyne McMullin: I just want to thank everyone for their help in establishing the dog parks we already have. We're looking forward to our five other dog parks, eventually. I'd like to wish everybody a happy and healthy New Year and keep up the good work.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

**A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.**

## **PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE**

Lauretta Fischer proposed four acquisitions. Colored site maps were distributed describing the property.

### **Crystal Bay Construction, Inc. Property**

The acquisition of 7.72 acres in Riverhead, Town of Riverhead. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Multifaceted Land Preservation Program – Open Space Preservation. It will be a 70/30 split with the Town of Riverhead (70% Suffolk County, 30% Town of Riverhead).

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Cardillo and seconded by Trustee Dawson. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.**

### **Miller Place/Yaphank Road Nature Preserve Addition – Entwistle Property**

The acquisition of .09 acres in Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Open Space Preservation Program.

### **Miller Place/Yaphank Road Nature Preserve Addition – Bayne Property**

The acquisition of .045 acres in Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Open Space Preservation Program.

### **Miller Place/Yaphank Road Nature Preserve Addition – McLaughlin Property**

The acquisition of .18 acres in Miller Place, Town of Brookhaven. This will be acquired under the Suffolk County Open Space Preservation Program.

**A motion to approve each of these three acquisitions was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee Corwin. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.**

Chairman Fritz asked if the County was involved in preserving any part of the Calverton Airport site.

Commissioner Pavacic gave an overview on the environmental planning and legal issues surrounding the Calverton property.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### **Smith Point Fishing Pier**

The Commissioner reported that all the environmental approvals and permits have been obtained. In the next month or two DPW will be sending that out for bid.

### **GATR Site**

The Commissioner reported that CEQ recently completed the SEQRA review and approved the reuse of the GATR site. The County Legislature unanimously approved the SEQRA determination for that site (I.R. 2282 – “making a SEQRA determination in connection with the proposed Emergency Communications Facility at the GATR Facility, T. Roosevelt Co. Park, Town of East Hampton.”). The contract was signed by half of the required parties. It was signed by the Montauk Fire District and former Commissioner Ron Foley. It was sent to the County Attorney's office for signature and they sent it back, unsigned, because under the County statute they could not sign off on it because SEQRA hadn't been completed yet. That contract does not have the most updated terms and will need to be updated and re-signed. Deputy Commissioner Bellone will work on updating the contract.

### Cupsogue Beach Observation Boardwalk

The Commissioner reported that \$100,000 has been appropriated for 2007. We're awaiting more formalized plans from DPW. Once we get the more detailed plans we'll be able to apply for the necessary permits.

### Montauk Campground

The Commissioner reported that the area behind the dunes has been mowed. The next step is to develop a more formalized written policy as to how that campground is going to work. That will be circulated to the groups of primary interest. If they are OK with it, we will look to develop a more formalized plan. We're hoping to get all the necessary work physically done in time for Memorial Day.

### Bergen Point Golf Course

The Commissioner reported that County chose not to renew the contract with Global Golf as they didn't request an extension within 180 days of expiration as required. Therefore, the current contract with Global Golf will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Parks will enter into a one year custodial agreement with Zebra Golf. We are looking to get a contract in place with Zebra Golf before the end of this year so we can have a seamless continuation of operations at the golf course which include maintenance, catering and golf operations. We're hoping to have a formal, long term RFP go out in the early part of '08. The catering operation would be an alternative under that RPF.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Fritz requested an update on the Parks Foundation and asked if we had obtained a 501C3.

Commissioner Pavacic responded the IRS has not yet granted the 501C3, but it's getting very close. The County Executive's office has reached out and contacted a number of the proposed candidates to serve on the Foundation Board.

Trustee White asked if the Foundation Board had reached out to Bill Akin.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone said Tom Hroncich would review the resume and reach out to him. She also reported that Tom Hroncich will give the Trustees an update on the Foundation at the January meeting.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Holiday Greetings were exchanged.

Trustee Cardillo reported he was at Indian Island today and new bathroom facility is coming along nicely.

Trustee Borden reported he was encouraged that the Bergen Point problem was picked up by Parks personnel.

Chairman Fritz announced that the next Trustees meeting will be at Meadowedge in West Sayville on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hilary. Unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.**

Minutes submitted by Ann Rothenberg.